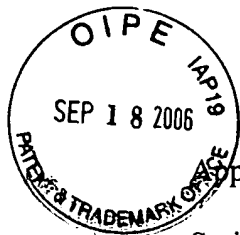


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Dear Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

This responds to a non-final Office Action, which was mailed June 30, 2006 and objected to minor informalities in the claims, indicated that claims 3-6, 8, 13-16, and 18 would be allowable if placed in independent form, and rejected the remaining claims for asserted lack of novelty in view of cited prior art. Please amend this application as follows and consider the remarks that follow. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2, amendments to the Claims begin on page 3, and Remarks begin on page 10.

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